

YMCA in Navarre, where he was well-liked by staff and patrons.

Matthew was a beloved member of his community. He is survived by his loving family, mother, Kathleen; father, Kenneth; brother, Michael; grandparents, Bob and Margaret Dawson; five aunts; four uncles; and many cousins. He is also survived by his four dogs, Spartacus, Patton, Captain, and Goldie.

Mr. Speaker, on behalf of the United States Congress, I am privileged to honor the life of Private First Class Matthew Christopher Colin for his selfless service and sacrifice in defense of our Nation. My wife Vicki and I offer our prayers for his entire family. He will be truly missed by all.

IN MEMORY OF DR. SCOTT
ALEXANDER MARSHALL

HON. HAROLD ROGERS

OF KENTUCKY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 29, 2011

Mr. ROGERS of Kentucky. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to a great leader, professor and advisor, Dr. Scott Alexander Marshall. His passing is a great loss to his family and the education community.

Although he isn't a native Kentuckian, Dr. Marshall immediately offered his expertise to enhance the field of education in our rural region of southern and eastern Kentucky. He made a difference in the lives of hundreds of college students and took great pride in their success. In fact, he was a strong advocate and supporter of Phi Theta Kappa, the official national honor society for two-year colleges.

Scott received his M.S., M.A. and Ph.D. degrees from the University of Alabama. He retired after 33 years of teaching Business and Economics at Jefferson State Community College in Birmingham, Alabama. After moving to Somerset, Kentucky in 2000, he continued as an Adjunct Professor of Economics at Eastern Kentucky University.

He was involved in numerous civic and political activities, serving as a member of the Adanta Board of Directors and Co-Chair of the Finance Committee. He also was a member of the First Presbyterian Church of Somerset where he served as an Elder and Co-Chair of the Worship Committee.

Dr. Marshall leaves behind a devoted family: his loving wife, Dr. Jo Grimes Marshall; their children, Kristin Marshall Henderson and Dr. Scott Alexander Marshall, Jr., along with four grandsons. On behalf of my wife Cynthia and myself, I want to extend our deepest heartfelt sympathies to the Marshall family.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring a dear friend and champion for community colleges, the late Dr. Scott Alexander Marshall.

HONORING EMPLOYEES OF THE
IDAHO NATIONAL LABORATORY

HON. MICHAEL K. SIMPSON

OF IDAHO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 29, 2011

Mr. SIMPSON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize seven employees of the Idaho Na-

tional Lab who recently received awards from Secretary of Energy, Steven Chu, for their assistance to the people of Japan in dealing with the disaster caused by the recent earthquake and tsunami and for their efforts to secure enough special nuclear material to produce almost 800 nuclear weapons.

Eight months ago a devastating disaster struck Japan when a massive earthquake and unprecedented tsunami struck the island nation, killing over 16,000 people and causing a serious reactor accident. Recovery was complicated by a near total destruction of the surrounding transportation infrastructure. At the greatest time of need the Idaho National Laboratory offered its assistance, which was gratefully accepted by the people of Japan. INL employees Doug Burns, Cal Christensen, Betsy Connell, Harold McFarlane, Joy Rempel and Derek Wadsworth assisted by assessing the damage in near real time, providing technical assistance and coordinating the delivery of specialized equipment to assist in controlling the radiological effects.

Eric Howden led a 14 year program to secure ten tons of highly enriched uranium and three tons of plutonium from Kazakhstan. These efforts have resulted in relocating enough fissile material to produce almost 800 nuclear weapons at a time when there was great turmoil in the region and an emerging international terrorist threat.

I am proud to represent the Idaho National Lab, which has through its history been the worldwide leader in advancing the safe and peaceful use of nuclear energy. As the worldwide demand for energy and environmental concerns increase, the responsible use of nuclear power will continue to grow. As it does, the dedicated employees of the Idaho National Lab will continue their efforts to improve the impressive safety record of nuclear power and promote technologies that prevent future accidents and reduce the threat of nuclear weapons from falling into the wrong hands.

LEMONT KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS
COUNCIL #1599

HON. JUDY BIGGERT

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 29, 2011

Mrs. BIGGERT. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the Lemont Knights of Columbus Council #1599 for 100 years of civic service.

On December 10, 1911 the Lemont Knights of Columbus Council #1599 was chartered. Although the original charter members have all passed, their vision of Service to God, church, and country is still the primary goal of the Lemont Knights of Columbus. In pursuit of achieving this goal, the Lemont Knights of Columbus have sent its members to both World Wars, Korea, Vietnam and other armed conflicts—all while establishing and maintaining numerous civic service programs and projects.

Over the past 100 years, the Lemont Knights have established scholarship programs, food pantry drives, natural disaster relief efforts, and annually participates in the national "Tootsie Roll" day—a fundraiser that generates thousands of dollars each year for the mentally disabled in Lemont.

The Lemont Knights have worked very hard to become a foundation of service in my con-

gressional district. I would like to join my colleagues in congratulating the Lemont Knights of Columbus Council #1599 for 100 years of outstanding service to the community.

PROPOSING A BALANCED BUDGET
AMENDMENT TO THE CONSTITUTION

SPEECH OF

HON. BETTY MCCOLLUM

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 17, 2011

Ms. MCCOLLUM. Madam Speaker, I rise in strong opposition to H.J. Res. 2, legislation that would have a devastating effect on the U.S. economy, national security and the well-being of millions of Minnesota families and businesses.

A constitutional amendment that requires Congress to balance the federal budget every year—regardless of economic conditions—would severely damage the U.S. economy. Such a requirement would force Congress to cut spending, raise taxes or both, even when the economy is in recession. That is the exact opposite of what economists recommend in order to escape recession and stabilize a weak economy.

According to new analysis by Macroeconomic Advisers—one of the nation's pre-eminent private economic forecasting firms—a balanced budget amendment would destroy millions of American jobs. Had a balanced budget amendment been in effect today, their analysis concluded that "the effect on the economy would be catastrophic." Assuming the Republicans used spending cuts instead of tax increases to balance the budget this year, the cuts would have totaled approximately \$1.5 trillion. Macroeconomic Advisors determined cuts of this magnitude would throw 15 million more Americans out of work, double the unemployment rate from 9 percent to approximately 18 percent, and cause the economy to shrink by 17 percent instead of growing by an expected 2 percent.

What House Republicans are not telling the American people is that Congress has the opportunity to propose and pass a balanced budget each year. House Budget Committee Chairman PAUL RYAN could have proposed a balanced budget this year—fiscal year 2012—but he did not. The budget proposed by House Republicans delivers another tax cut windfall for America's wealthiest individuals by making the Bush-era tax cuts permanent. To make matters worse, their budget preserves expensive tax breaks to oil companies and corporations shipping jobs overseas. Instead of proposing a fiscal year 2012 budget that puts us on a more sustainable fiscal path, House Republicans chose to continue the same reckless tax policies that have added trillions to our national debt.

In times of recession and weak economic growth, Congress needs the ability to assist struggling families with unemployment insurance and to promote economic recovery by sustaining demand through investments in areas such as transportation infrastructure. In a strong U.S. economy, Congress has the responsibility to reduce expenditures and balance the budget as was done in 1998, 1999, 2000, and 2001 under President Clinton.